



Upheaval in Haiti after the assassination of its president, Jovenel Moïse: Astrological Analysis by Wade Caves.

What happened

This morning (7th July) at 1am local time, Haiti's president and head of state, Jovenel Moïse, was assassinated in his sleep.

A brief background

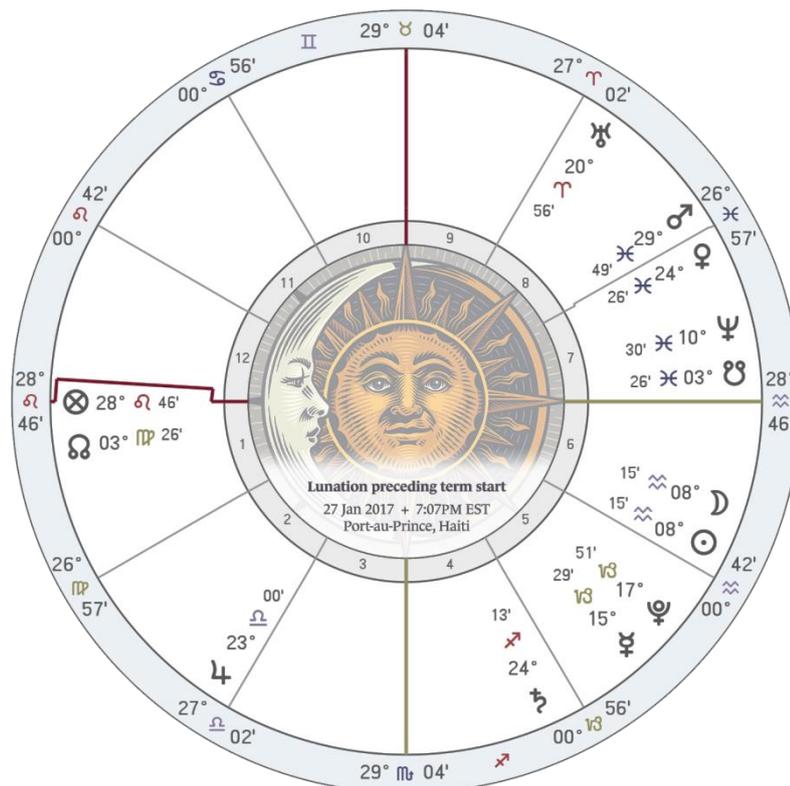
Haiti's constitution limits presidential terms to five years. Due to contested election results and special election procedures, a new president was not inaugurated in February 2016 as expected. Moïse assumed office a year later, in February 2017. His detractors say his mandate expired February 2021; Moïse argued the clock should count from the date of his inauguration. Moïse claimed a coup was attempted back in February of this year. With political tensions high in Haiti, Moïse became the target of a successful assassination attempt by unidentified gunmen in early hours of Wednesday, 7 July 2021.

Leading into inauguration

During Moïse's time in office, his administration struggled through political unrest (including anti-government riots and protests), armed violence, and debilitating

ecological disasters. An assessment of state astrology leading up to Moïse's swearing-in augurs increased tensions, despite campaign promises to put an end to corruption and violence.

The lunation preceding Moïse's inauguration was a new Moon at 8° Aquarius. In Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, 28° Leo ascended. This was the same degree as the August 2017 total solar eclipse, frequently touted as the Great American Eclipse because of its dedicated path sweeping across the continental United States. Eclipses in Leo, particularly solar eclipses, presage tense conditions for kings and rulers of nations.



The lunation's midheaven (the house we associate with leaders and those in power) fell near Algol, also called Caput Medusa or the Demon Star. Of this malevolent fixed star, Vivian Robson writes:

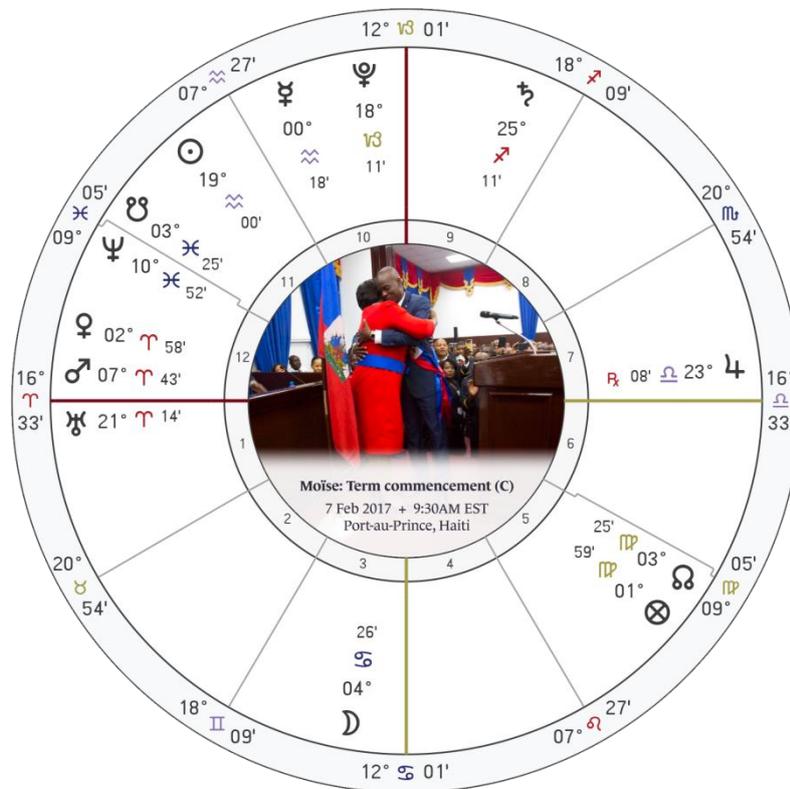
Of the nature of Saturn and Jupiter. It causes misfortune, violence, decapitation, hanging, electrocution and mob violence, and gives a dogged and violent nature that causes death to the native or others. It is the most evil star in the heavens. ... If culminating: Murder, sudden death, beheading, prone to murder and mischief. (Robson, p. 124)

Of particular concern in this chart are the indications of an incomplete and dangerous term in office. The midheaven is within a degree of changing signs, showing an alteration of circumstances at the nation's head. The 10th-ruler, Venus, though exalted (showing the great hopes which might be placed in the country's new

leader), is placed on the cusp of the 8th house, besieged between an exact square of Saturn in the 4th (a house we associate with death and the grave, as well as the 'rebels' or opposing powers) and Mars, ruler of the turned 12th from the 10th house (i.e., assailants and enemies of an unknown nature).

The lunation at 8° Aquarius is being transiting by a retrograde Saturn now at 12° Aquarius, recently opposed by both Mars and Venus, and squared by Uranus in mid-Taurus. More on this later, but the transit of Saturn is highly relevant: Saturn is placed in the lunation's 4th house, which opposes the 10th (again, indicative of open enemies to Moïse and his administration); and, because Saturn rules the turned 8th from the 10th: the house we might link with the death of the nation's leader.

February 2017: Moïse takes office

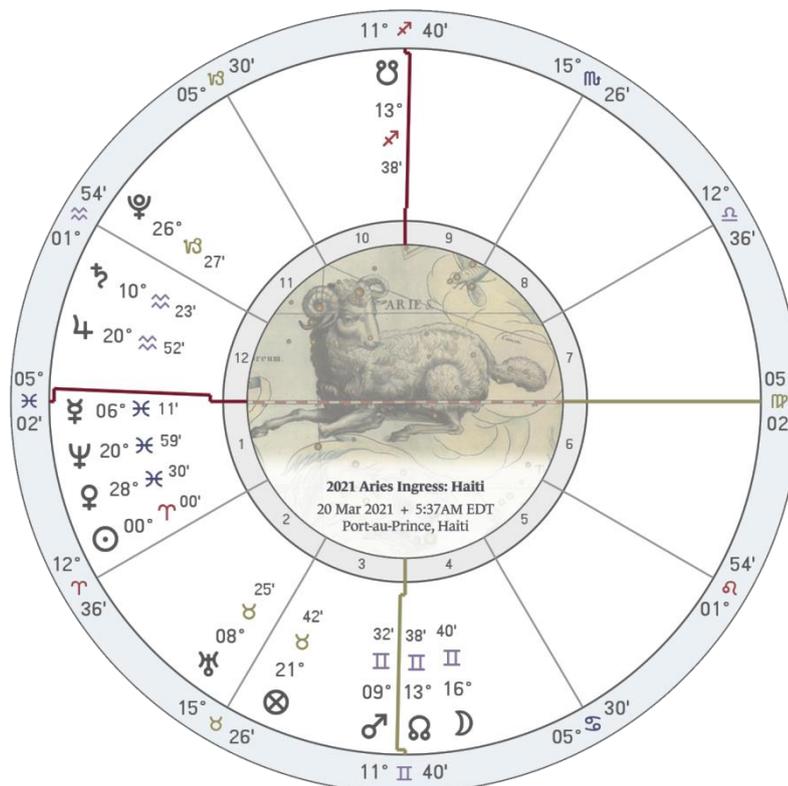


Moïse was sworn in early February 2017 during a morning ceremony. Please note that the chart I will reference has a speculative time of 9:30am local time. Though I am short of an outright confirmation, I believe this time is somewhat reliable (within 30min) – I watched a number of videos of the inauguration, frustratingly devoid of a timestamp or clock on the wall. I did see Moïse's wristwatch, however, in a clip taking place just moments after the swearing-in ceremony; the time appears to read 9:45am. I cross-referenced with local news articles covering the inauguration, all published between 9:36am and 9:45am and framing the inauguration in past tense.

The Moon of the inauguration chart is at 4° Cancer, moving between the squares of Venus and the 8th-ruler Mars. This is a particularly violent square, as both planets are well-placed essentially (Mars rules Aries, the Moon rules Cancer) pointing to an unwillingness to compromise or find middle ground; and because of the extreme display of humoral discord (Mars and Aries are hot and dry, the Moon and Cancer are cold and wet). The opposition between Jupiter and Uranus falls across the ascendant-descendant axis, promising grand displays of aggression and volatility to mark the presidency.

There's a link in here with the degree of the radical 5th cusp. Remember this house is the turned 8th from the 10th, so points to death of a leader – the degree on this cusp is opposite the recent lunation. Further, the 10th-ruler, Saturn, is a stubborn and unyielding planet, cadent in the turned 12th, disposed by Jupiter in the 7th of open enemies opposing the ascendant. The Sun, ruling the turned 8th from the 10th (or the radical 5th) in trine to Jupiter (who might represent Moïse's enemies) and sextile to Uranus points to an available path for rebels: a violent resolution.

Aries ingress 2021: danger in plain sight



Perhaps most striking in the Aries ingress for 2021, when centred on Port-au-Prince, is the South Node on the 10th cusp, Mars and the Moon so forcefully opposing the midheaven from the 4th house, and the applying square from 4th-ruler Mercury to

5th), Venus besieged between the opposition of Saturn and the conjunction with 8th-ruler Mars. The Moon at 13° Gemini calls back the 2021 Aries ingress Moon and Mars placement, and translates to 8th-ruler Mars the light of both Saturn (by trine) and Venus (by sextile).

*It would be appropriate to use the 10th house to signify Moïse, too – it's all a matter of perspective (assailant vs. victim as 1st/7th or, opposing party vs. those in power as 4th/10th). From this perspective, we see repeating themes of danger: the Moon translates the light of 10th-ruler Saturn to 8th-ruler Mars, on the turned 8th cusp from the 10th, with the turned 8th-ruler angular in the 4th (i.e., 'death' to be the singular focus of the rebelling faction).

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